

Arsenal Football Club



SEASON 1968-69

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, 12th October

ARSENAL

v

COVENTRY CITY

Kick-off 3 p.m.

ARSENAL STADIUM

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME ONE SHILLING

ARSENAL FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

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TOPICS OF THE WEEK

ANY DISAPPOINTMENT suffered by our supporters at dropping a point at home to Sunderland can be off-set by gaining a point at Old Trafford last Saturday, particularly as it was not a question of having to hang on to get a point, as was to be seen clearly in "Match of the Day" on B.B.C. Television on Saturday night. We played well. The most curious heading to a newspaper report on the match was one in the *Sunday Times* which read, "ARSENAL ADOPT ESTUDIANTES PLAN". In the light of their match against Manchester United one wondered what exactly this was meant to convey. The first paragraph, in the report, however, put the matter in perspective. It read: "Arsenal, coming to Manchester with the clear intention of saving a point, played a British tactical version of the style *Estudiantes* will necessarily adopt at Old Trafford in 10 days' time. Let me add at once, however, that though Arsenal's defence was both rugged and well organised, there was nothing discreditable about their methods. Given their tactical plan, they played to it firmly, fairly and with great determination. Manchester United surely made matters harder for themselves by some silly gamesmanship, and what seemed a studied policy of discourtesy to a competent and courageous referee. I cannot believe United gain anything by this sort of approach to their football." The writer of this report, James Wilson, went on to say, "For Arsenal's defence there can be nothing but praise. Neill and Simpson were solidity itself down the middle, while Storey and McNab got a steadily firmer grip on Morgan and Best as the game wore on."

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When we went to press with our last home programme we knew that we had beaten Scunthorpe in the Football League Cup, but we did not know our

fate in the draw for the next Round. This now, of course, is common knowledge judging by the fact that we have sold out of tickets for the tie against Liverpool at Arsenal Stadium next Tuesday evening kick-off 7.30 p.m. At the moment of writing, Liverpool and ourselves are first and second in the Football League and this match is a tremendous attraction. Incidentally, an interesting little point of history concerning Liverpool is that, many years ago, if Everton Football Club and their landlord had seen eye to eye on the amount of rent to be paid for the Anfield Road ground, the Liverpool Club would not have been formed! . . . at least it is fair to say that it might not have been formed. But Everton and their landlord disagreed, with the result that the club decided to move its Headquarters to Goodison Park. A minority stayed at Anfield and formed a new club . . . Liverpool. Curiously enough, the landlord, who was partly responsible for Everton's departure, became the first President of the new organisation and lent the club £500. So that is the part that Alderman Houlding played in Liverpool's formation and development.

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Although those whose memories stretch back to before the war will readily admit that the game has changed immeasurably in style, only a considerable amount of research will reveal whether the new tactics have brought more, or less, goals. At first thought, bearing in mind the apparent emphasis on defence, the opinion might be that there are a good deal less goals scored these days and yet on this season's evidence in the First Division this first thought might need some revision. Spurs scored seven against Burnley; Liverpool scored six at Wolverhampton; Sheffield Wednesday beat Man-

chester United 5-4; Chelsea won at Queen's Park Rangers 4-0, as did Manchester City at Sunderland; Nottingham Forest won 5-2 at West Bromwich, and so it goes on. One point which does seem to emerge, however, is that with the much closer marking, individual players are not scoring as many. When David Jenkins scored a hat-trick against Scunthorpe in the Football League Cup, it provoked a comment on how few League hat-tricks are scored these days (yes, we know Jimmy Greaves has three this season already) and we were asked what was the Arsenal hat-trick record for any given season. The answer is the seven hat-tricks scored by Ted Drake in the 1934-35 season. In that season Ted scored 43 First Division goals in 41 League games, and here is his hat-trick record in detail:

Goals	Opponents	Date
3	Liverpool	September 1
4	Birmingham	September 29
4	Spurs	October 20
4	Chelsea	November 24
4	Wolves	December 1
3	Leicester City	December 15
4	Middlesbrough	April 19

There is a curious sequel to this story. In the following season, on December 14, Ted Drake scored seven goals against Aston Villa at Villa Park – and that was his only hat-trick of the season!

The only other Arsenal player to rival this record since, was Doug Lishman, who had scored four First

THEY'RE HERE!

ESTUDIANTES DE LA PLATA, South American champions, who play Manchester United in the second leg of the World Club Championship at Old Trafford next Wednesday, have arrived in England.

They will be playing us here at Highbury on Monday, October 21 (7.30 p.m.), and seats are now available at 15/-, 20/-, 30/- and 40/-. Apply now.

The match is not all-ticket. Admission for standing spectators will be 7/6d., pay on the night.

DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ESTUDIANTES IN THEIR ONLY GAME IN LONDON.

Division hat-tricks by the end of November in the 1951-52 season – but failed to get any more that season. Doug got three goals against Sunderland on September 1; three more against Fulham on October 27; three against West Bromwich on November 10 and three against Bolton on November 24. It is interesting that both Ted Drake and Doug Lishman reached their fourth hat-tricks on November 24. Now things are very different – but not so much in one respect. It used to be said of Arsenal in the old days that a solid defence was the basis of their success and surely the same could be said of our first 12 League games this season. In five of these our opponents failed to score, in six of them the opposition scored once, and in one, our opponents scored

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There is also a Restaurant in the **EAST STAND** which is open on match days only.

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NEXT MATCHES AT THIS STADIUM

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

LIVERPOOL

Tuesday, 15th October

KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

BOURNEMOUTH

Saturday, 19th October

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

CHALLENGE MATCH

ESTUDIANTES

Monday, 21st October

KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

WEST HAM UNITED

Saturday, 26th October

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

(All reserved seats sold)

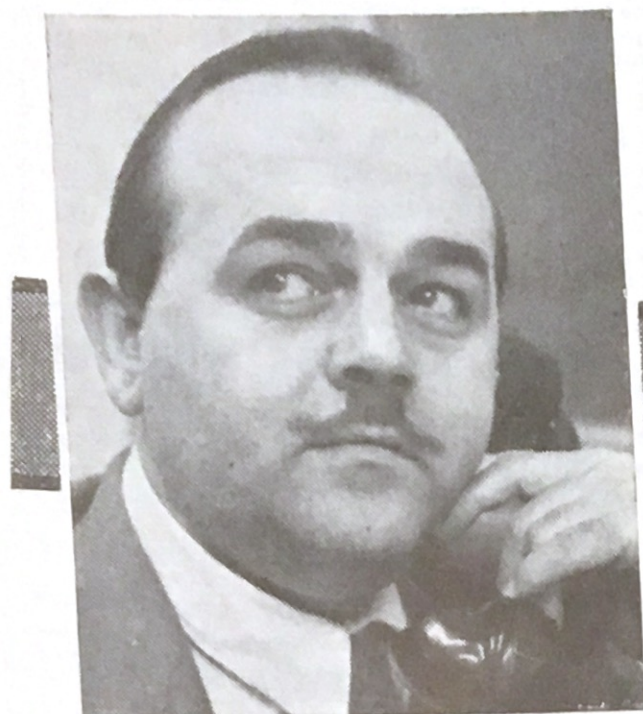
Everton	13	5	1	0	14	3	1	4	1	9	7	17
Chelsea	13	3	4	0	12	7	3	1	2	13	6	17
West Ham	13	3	3	1	14	7	2	3	1	8	7	16
Sheffield Wed.	13	4	3	0	14	8	1	3	2	3	6	16
Tottenham	12	3	2	2	17	10	2	3	1	11	10	15
West Brom.	13	4	2	1	17	10	1	1	4	7	18	13
Man. United	12	4	2	1	10	8	0	2	3	7	11	12
Sunderland	13	3	1	2	7	6	0	5	2	7	11	12
Burnley	13	5	1	1	11	8	0	1	5	4	21	12
Man. City	13	2	4	0	9	6	1	1	5	7	13	11

twice. So that in 12 matches we conceded eight goals . . . and scored over double that number. The verdict, therefore, seems to be that just as many goals are scored these days, but individual players are not allowed the scope to produce such prolific scoring feats as were possible in the old days. Just remember that "Dixie" Dean scored 60 First Division goals for Everton in 1927-28 (seven hat-tricks). How many teams will fail to score 60 goals this season, let alone one player?

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Incidentally, mention of Scunthorpe above is a reminder of how careful you have to be when someone wants to have a bet with you on one football point or another. When we were drawn at Scunthorpe and there was the possibility of a re-play we were

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THIS WEEK'S GUEST WRITER

FRANK TAYLOR (*The Sun*)

Soccer Studies the Mexico Games

THERE IS NO doubt in my mind that soccer today demands greater fitness, stamina and sheer athleticism than at any other time in the history of the game.

I make that point, because as Arsenal and Coventry come out at Highbury this afternoon, 7,000 miles away in Mexico City about 10,000 sportsmen and sportswomen will be waking up, flexing their muscles and waiting nervously and eagerly for the opening of the 19th Olympiad which will be about 10 p.m. our ADOP ESTUDIANTES TEAM. In the light of their match against Manchester United one wondered what exactly this was meant to convey. The first paragraph, in the report, however, put the matter in perspective. It read: "Arsenal, coming to Manchester with the clear intention of saving a point, played a British tactical version of the style Estudiantes will necessarily adopt at Old Trafford in 10 days' time. Let me add at once, however, that although Arsenal's likely to prove so successful in Mexico City.

As it happens, I shall be at the Games, and like Sir Alf Ramsey I shall be interested to see what sort of soccer tactics are needed to become Olympic Champions.

The Azteca Stadium, where the next World Cup will be held, has been described as one of the most beautiful examples of sporting architecture in the world, soaring seven tiers high into the sky. On the mid-level, rich soccer fans can drive up a ramp to enter their spacious accommodation, which includes a kitchen complete with refrigerator, a bar and a box of sumptuous magnificence.

The top tier is reserved for those who pay least. They would have a long way to go to scramble on to the pitch, but when things go wrong with their favourite team, they have a lofty perch and an unerring aim!

But the problem that England's footballers will face there, is the same the Olympic athletes have to endure: lack of oxygen and solar radiation.

It is for this reason, that Ramsey is wise, as indeed is any soccer coach, to attend the Olympics, because as I said at the start, soccer today needs more and more athleticism.

Those of us who saw them, cherish memories of wee Alex James with his sleight-of-foot trick over the ball; the dreadnought dashes of Ted Drake, the shattering speed of Joe Hulme . . . but that was football yesterday, and those stars would have had to modify their styles and tactics to cope with modern needs. Theirs was an art which we miss; but in sport you cannot turn back the clock. There are still ball players like Law and Sammels who perform their tricks, but are forced to do so at a greater pace.

This athleticism and athletic training has come into soccer in a big way. Certainly it did not escape the notice of other clubs, that Manchester City won the League Championship with the training assistance of the former world mile record holder Derek Ibbotson.

To a footballer who is gifted with natural talent the chore and grind of athletic training can be a bore, yet clearly it cannot be ignored.

Indeed, Derek Ibbotson told me before he left for Mexico City: "I think two of the City players, Mike Summerbee and Colin Bell, could have been international runners had they taken up athletics. I have found once you have won the confidence of soccer players, they will train with even greater dedication than an international athlete. After all, they are professionals. They know the fitter they are, the more money they can get."

I saw Eddie Firmani the young Charlton Athletic manager at the athletics championships this year: "I

came in case there was anything I could learn and adopt for training my players", he told me. "After all, in soccer a player spends about 90 per cent of his time either running to get into position or running to get possession."

I think this trend of adopting the best features of athletic training will increase even more in the years ahead. Certainly, when I have seen Arsenal play this season, I have been struck by their speed and fitness, and the fact that opponents do not get a free run of the ball.

No one would suggest that an Olympic sprinter would necessarily be a success in soccer, because there is surely a maximum speed any man can run with the ball under perfect control. In any case, there is no substitute for skill, and I shall ever believe that the great player is born with his talent. From that point it is a matter of personal choice and dedication how far a man can extend that latent talent.

Old footballers like old fighters will tell you how they could play after drinking pints and smoking cigars. They probably could; but they could not get away with it today, where one flash of genius does not add up to a great player. In the past decade, it has become more and more obvious that a great natural footballer can be an even greater player, if he takes a scientific interest in fitness and athletic qualities. What use is the tall centre half who does not get the best out of spring and high jumping ability? We are in an era, where all sports can learn from the fitness methods of others.

That is why I ask you, when you have digested the thrills and explored all the arguments of this match between Arsenal and Coventry, to forget for a moment your personal involvement in this game, and consider what is happening in Mexico City, 7,000 miles away. For what is happening there, will have a great relevance to the game of football. Here lies the key to England's supremacy as Soccer Champions of the world. Here, at 7,800 feet where a man can run half a mile and then black out, or else end the race with legs like rubber. You may be sure that Sir Alf Ramsey will be watching all the points, to find out whether it will be possible for men like Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters and Alan Ball to run and run with non-stop endeavour like they did at Wembley in 1966. Or whether in fact, the touch player will be needed. The man like a James or a Jack who "floated" so to speak around the field. But whatever the lessons that are to be learned, you may be sure of this . . . how the athletes prepared and how they reacted at high altitude will play a part in England's soccer programme in the next two years.

Past matches between Arsenal and Coventry

Division I

Season	Home	Away
1967-68	1-1	1-1

Football League Cup

1967-68—Second Rd.: Arsenal won 2-1 at Coventry

HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION

A	Ipswich v. Newcastle	.....
B	Leeds United v. West Ham	.....
C	Leicester v. West Brom.	.....
D	Liverpool v. Manchester United	.....
E	Manchester City v. Tottenham	.....
F	Queen's Park R. v. Sheffield W.	.....
G	Southampton v. Everton	.....
H	Stoke City v. Burnley	.....
J	Sunderland v. Nottingham F.	.....
K	Wolves v. Chelsea	.....

SECOND DIVISION

L	Aston Villa v. Crystal Palace	.....
M	Blackpool v. Portsmouth	.....
N	Bolton v. Charlton	.....
P	Fulham v. Norwich	.....
Q	Millwall v. Cardiff	.....

THIRD DIVISION

R	Brighton v. Swindon	.....
S	Oldham v. Watford
T	Orient v. Northampton

FOURTH DIVISION

U	Swansea v. Brentford
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LEAGUE TABLE—DIVISION I

(Up to and including Wednesday, October 9)

	Home				Goals				Away				Goals		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Leeds United	12	5	1	0	12	3	4	1	1	10	7	20			
Liverpool	13	5	1	0	15	4	3	2	2	13	4	19			
ARSENAL	13	4	2	0	11	3	3	3	1	7	6	19			
Everton	13	5	1	0	14	3	1	4	1	9	7	17			
Chelsea	13	3	4	0	12	7	3	1	2	13	6	17			
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Stoke City	13	4	1	1	6	4	0	2	5	6	14	11			
Ipswich	13	3	0	3	10	8	1	2	4	9	14	10			
Newcastle Utd.	13	1	4	2	9	10	1	2	3	8	10	10			
Southampton	13	3	1	2	10	8	0	3	4	4	10	10			
Wolverhampton	13	2	3	1	6	9	1	1	5	5	10	10			
Leicester City	13	3	2	1	11	6	0	1	6	3	15	9			
Nottingham For.	11	0	4	1	7	9	1	2	3	9	9	8			
COVENTRY C.	13	2	1	4	10	11	0	3	3	3	12	8			
Q.P.R.	13	1	4	1	7	10	0	1	6	5	18	7			

The Football Combination Cup and Metropolitan League tables are on page 12.

Solution to Arsenal Crossword No. 7

Across: 1. Pass the ball. 8. Take a corner. 11. Lean. 12. Keep. 13. Selling. 15. Top gear. 16. Gloom. 17. Site. 18. Tact. 19. Feast. 21. Annuals. 22. Trestle. 23. Omit. 26. Ache. 27. Sandown Park. 28. Reading desk.

Down: 2. Alan. 3. Seeding. 4. Hock. 5. Boredom. 6. Leck. 7. Close season. 8. Table tennis. 9. Rebel attack. 10. Spirit level. 14. Glues. 15. Toast. 19. Flooded. 20. Trapped. 24. Tape. 25. Owen. 26. Arts.

Arsenal Crossword No. 8 is on page 12.



BILL GLAZIER: Signed from Crystal Palace at what was then a record fee for a goalkeeper in December 1964, making his Coventry debut the following day at Portsmouth. He had joined Palace in 1961 from Torquay United. Gained England Under-23 honours in 1964-65, but towards the end of that season his career was interrupted by a broken leg. He resumed playing January 1966 and missed only two games last season. Born Nottingham. 6 ft., 13 st. 3½ lb.

MICK COOP: Became a regular member of the side earlier in the season after some fine performances in the reserves. Has been with Coventry all his professional career, joining them from school. Made his League debut in City's Second Division promotion year of 1966-67 and made 12 first-team appearances last season. A strong defender who can play equally well at centre-half. Born Leamington Spa. 5 ft. 11 in., 10 st. 9½ lb.

CHRIS CATTLIN: Joined Coventry from Huddersfield Town at a £70,000 fee last March and played in the last 11 matches of the season. Began his career with Burnley as an amateur while studying to become a draughtsman. He later moved to Huddersfield, where he became one of the finest full-backs in the Second Division. Was the target of many First Division clubs before eventually deciding to join City. Already this season his fine play has earned him an England Under-23 cap against Wales. Born Milnrow, Lancashire. 5 ft. 11 in., 12 st. 5½ lb.

ERNIE MACHIN: Signed professional for City on his 17th birthday after playing in junior football for Farnworth (Lancashire) Boys. A strong, hard running player, he has been successfully converted from inside-forward to wing-half where he has given consistently good performances. Two cartilage operations put him out of football for a lengthy spell, but he made a complete recovery and has missed only 10 games in the last two seasons. Born Bolton. 5 ft. 8½ in., 11 st. 0¾ lb.

GEORGE CURTIS: The only player who has helped lift a team from the Fourth to First Division, he has built for himself an "Iron Man" reputation in a League career spanning more than 400 appearances. With last season only 72 hours old, he broke his right leg against Nottingham Forest, but has re-established himself as first-team pivot. Former England Youth cap. Born Dover. 5 ft. 11 in., 13 st. 8 lb.

BRIAN HILL: Spotted by Coventry while playing for Nuneaton Schoolboys, he signed professional forms in August 1958, after making his League debut the previous April against Gillingham. Originally an inside-forward, he developed into a strong tackling wing-half, in which position he has made nearly 150 League appearances for the club. Born Bedworth. 5 ft. 9½ in., 12 st.

ERNIE HUNT: Another expensive signing by manager Noel Cantwell, this clever ball-playing forward joined the Sky Blues from Everton last March. First came to prominence with Swindon Town, his home-town club, and was soon the target of many First Division clubs. Joined Wolves two years ago and helped them win promotion in 1966-67. Transferred to Everton in September 1967, but was there only six months before moving to Coventry. Born Swindon. 5 ft. 7 in., 12 st. 2½ lb.

JOHN TUDOR: Joined Coventry from a junior club at Ilkeston, Derbyshire, in January 1966, after several unsuccessful attempts to get into senior football as a youth. Where others doubted, City showed encouragement, and he responded with eight important goals in 16 League appearances following his debut two years ago. Born Ilkeston. 5 ft. 10½ in., 12 st. 6 lb.

TONY HATELEY: Coventry paid their record fee of £80,000 when they signed him from Liverpool last month to replace the injured Neil Martin. Began his career with Notts County (League debut in 1958) and his subsequent moves were to Aston Villa (August 1963), Chelsea (October 1966) and Liverpool (June 1967). His latest transfer made him the first British player to be involved in deals exceeding £300,000 in total. Brilliant in the air. Born Derby. 6 ft. 1½ in., 13 st.

IAN GIBSON: Began his career with Accrington, making his League debut at the age of 15. A year later he signed for Bradford City and then moved to Middlesbrough. Joined Coventry for a substantial fee in July 1966, and was an instant success. Was plagued by injuries last season but is now back to the form which earned him Scottish Under-23 honours. A brilliant schemer who has also scored valuable goals. Born Newton Stewart, Scotland. 5 ft. 5½ in., 11 st.

DAVID CLEMENTS: Was transferred from Wolverhampton Wanderers in July 1964 and marked his Coventry debut against Northampton in January 1965 by scoring the equaliser. Has been capped for Northern Ireland at every level - Schoolboy, Youth, Amateur, Under-23, and full International. Alternates with equal effect between the left-half and left-wing positions. Born Millbrook, Larne, Co. Antrim. 5 ft. 10 in., 12 st. 9¼ lb.



COVENTRY CITY 1968-69

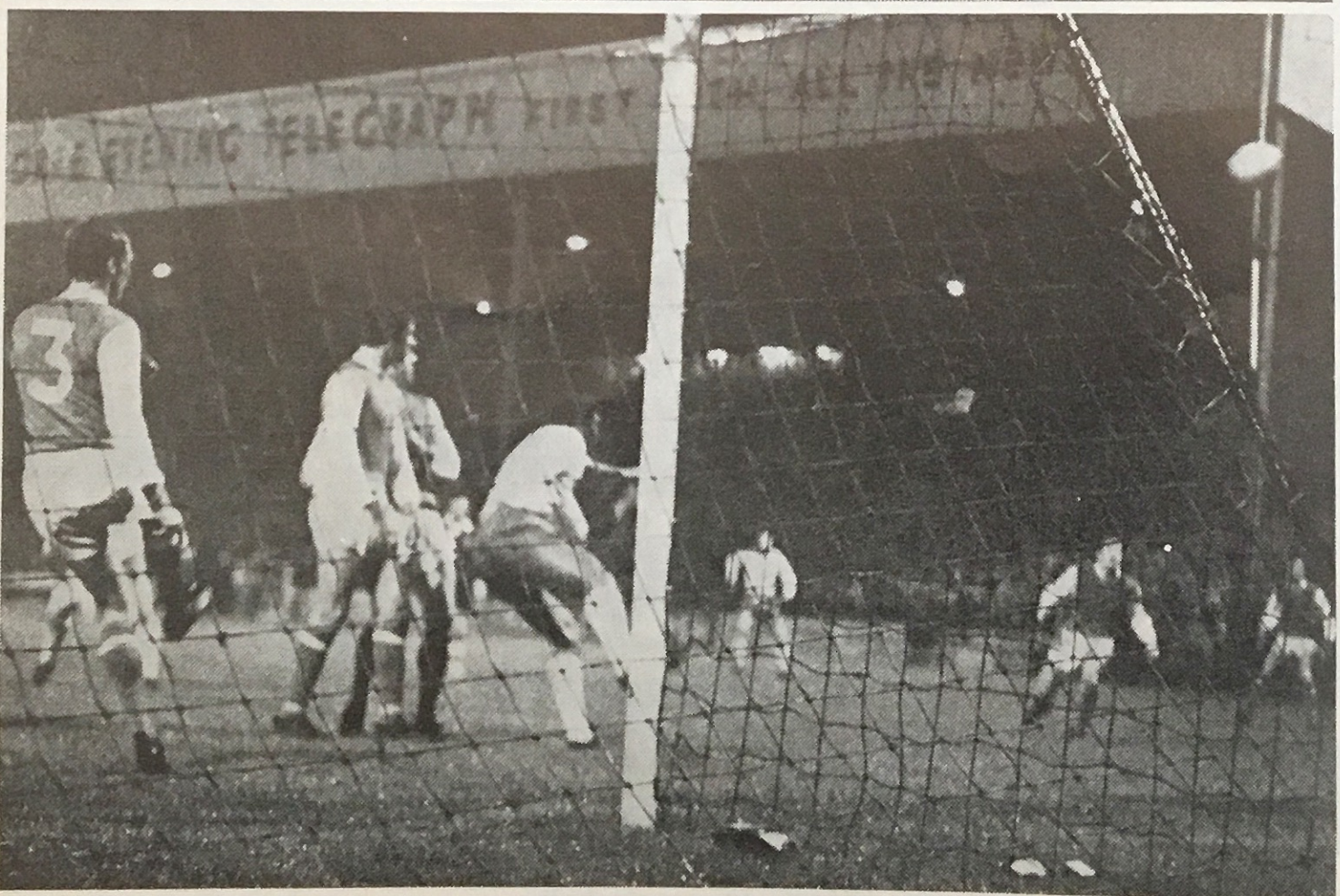
Back row : D. Clements, N. Martin, D. Bruck, M. Setters, J. Tudor, M. Coop.

Centre row : T. Shepherd, B. Hill, G. Curtis, W. Glazier, C. Cattlin, J. Blockley, M. Kearns.

Front row : E. Hannigan, I. Gibson, W. Carr, Mr. N. Cantwell (Manager), G. Baker, E. Hunt, E. Machin.



Bobby Gould, the former Coventry "flier", flies through the air against Sunderland. Montgomery, however, had just beaten him to the ball.





THE NIGHT WE SCORED SIX AT SCUNTHORPE

Top left: Bobby Gould acclaims the first of the goals in our 6-1 League Cup victory at Scunthorpe.

Top right: Saved on the line! Scunthorpe goalkeeper Barnard has plenty of cover this time.

Bottom left: Bob McNab sends a hefty clearance from the goalmouth into touch.

Bottom right: A quick cross from the wing makes this second Arsenal goal – the first towards David Jenkins' hat-trick.





ARSENAL HAVE lost at last. Will this be a repeat from last year? I hope not. You can say I am a new supporter, as I only joined last year, and I must admit I was very disappointed with what I saw, still I came back this year and what a surprise. So far the team have played magnificently and I hope they will keep up the high standard of playing and sportsmanship on the field.

Thank you all for putting your heart back into the side that to many supporters last year was slowly drifting away.

I hope we will be playing Leeds again for the Cup at Wembley for I am sure this time there will be no mistake about which side is the better.

T. C. Jones.

76, Canterbury House,
Stratfield Road,
Boreham Wood, Hertfordshire.

Editor's Note: Thanks for the compliments and here's hoping for another appearance at Wembley!

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asked if Scunthorpe had ever played a Cup-tie at Highbury before. We confidently said "No", but the answer is "Yes". They played Portsmouth here on Monday, February 8, 1954, in the second re-play of a Fourth Round F.A. Cup-tie. Portsmouth had drawn 1-1 at Scunthorpe and then Scunthorpe held Portsmouth again to a 2-2 draw at Fratton Park. Three times Portsmouth held the lead, and three times Mervyn Jones, a 5 ft. 4 in. outside-left replied for Scunthorpe. Portsmouth won comfortably at Highbury 4-0. It was not a happy Fourth Round for us that season. We were beaten 2-1 at Home by Norwich City!

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Today we welcome the Players, Officials and supporters of Coventry City, whom we have not yet beaten in a Football League match. Both matches last season ended in a 1-1 draw, although we did win at Coventry in a Football League Cup-tie. The last time Arsenal and Coventry City met at Highbury, Bobby Gould scored a goal. We hope he scores again today, but this time for us and not against us! Bobby, of course, was a Coventry player before joining us last season. He will be more than anxious to do well against his old club.

AFTER READING an article in the *Football Monthly*, written by Peter Morris, about Arsenal's lack of producing their own stars, seemingly from London, I have often asked myself whether this writer is blinded by his own criticism against the Club.

Does it really matter where the Arsenal youngsters come from as long as they become established players? Why the big need for London players? Youngsters from all the other parts of the Isles have proved they are just as good, or does Mr. Morris want Arsenal to consist mainly of London players, just because they are a London club?

He also states that he is not sure whether Arsenal believe they can really challenge for the League title, or whether they are just aiming to become London's top club. Surely this is rubbish; obviously Arsenal want to become London's leading club, but doesn't their position in the table show that Arsenal are obvious challengers for the League title and that the Arsenal have the confidence to win the title?

Therefore, I would like to add congratulations on behalf of myself – and I am sure thousands of other Arsenal supporters – to the Arsenal staff on their wonderful effort to bring success to Highbury.

B. Gravis.

56, Beckenham Gardens,
Edmonton, N.9.

Editor's Note: On behalf of the "Boys" I thank you for your confidence. They will give of their best, rest assured, and nobody could ask for more. Everyone in Football has a job to do – even those who earn a living on the "fringe". There's only one good answer – keep winning!!

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AS AN ARGENTINE citizen and a loyal Arsenal supporter for many years, I was very disappointed at the reception the British Press gave to the Estudiantes v. Manchester United match in Buenos Aires. Little mention was given to the fact that United were outplayed and extremely lucky in only conceding one goal. Stiles was unlucky in being sent off, but no more so than Rattin in the World Cup match against England.

I am sure Arsenal supporters will have the chance to appreciate the skill of the Estudiantes side when they play at Highbury on October 21st. I sincerely thank the Arsenal Board for arranging this fixture and so allowing Londoners see Estudiantes for themselves.

Richard Greenwell.

74, Gloucester Terrace,
London, W.2.

Editor's Note: We are sure that Estudiantes will give a fine performance here on October 21st. The London Football Fan has always appreciated good football from top-class overseas teams. Estudiantes will give us just this, we feel sure.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, 28th September, drew with Sunderland (Home) 0-0.

Team: Wilson; Storey, McNab; McLintock, Neill, Simpson; Radford, Sammels, Gould, Court, Jenkins.
Referee: Mr. D. R. G. Nippard (Bournemouth).

Saturday, 5th October, drew with Manchester United (Away) 0-0.

Team: Wilson; Storey, McNab; McLintock, Neill, Simpson; Radford, Sammels, Gould, Court, Jenkins.
Referee: Mr. K. H. Burns (Dudley).

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP (Third Round)

Wednesday, 25th September, beat Scunthorpe United (Away) 6-1. (Half-time: 2-1).

Team: Wilson; Storey, McNab; McLintock, Neill, Simpson; Armstrong, Sammels, Gould, Court, Jenkins.
Scorers: Jenkins 3, Gould, Sammels, Court.
Referee: Mr. P. Baldwin (Middlesbrough).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 5th October, beat Swindon Town (Home) 3-1. (Half-time: 1-0).

Team: Webster; Rice, Nelson; Kelly, Carmichael, Ure; Cumming, George, Simmons, Johnston, Armstrong.
Scorers: Simmons 2, Johnston.
Referee: Mr. R. G. Sheppard (Dunstable).

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Saturday, 28th September, beat West Ham United (Away) 1-0. (Half-time: 1-0).

Team: Johnson; Reilly, Williams; Burton, Redmile, deGaris; Dixon, Kelly, Simmons, Ritchie, Simmonds.
Scorer: Simmons.
Referee: Mr. E. Bray (Hornchurch).

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE PROFESSIONAL CUP (First Round)

Saturday, 5th October, lost to Romford (Away) 1-7. (Half-time: 0-4).

Team: Johnson; Reilly, English; Burton, Redmile, deGaris; Arrowsmith, Ritchie, Addo, Hughes, Dixon.
Scorer: Dixon.
Referee: Mr. D. A. J. Ling (Westcliff).

SOLD OUT—TWICE!

All reserved seats have been sold for Tuesday's League Cup-tie against Liverpool, and for our First Division home match against West Ham United on October 26.

Appearances and Goalscorers

(Up to and including Wednesday, 9th October)

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Court	13 (1)	Storey	13
Jenkins	13 (3)	Wilson	13
McLintock	13 (1)	Radford	12 (7)
McNab	13	Gould	11 (2)
Neill	13 (2)	Graham	2
Sammels	13 (1)	Armstrong	1
Simpson	13		

Own Goal: 1.

Substitutes: Armstrong 2, Johnston 2, Gould 1.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

Court	2 (1)	Sammels	2 (1)
Gould	2 (1)	Simpson	2
Jenkins	2 (3)	Storey	2
McLintock	2	Wilson	2
McNab	2	Armstrong	1
Neill	2 (1)	Radford	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

Carmichael	9	Furnell	4
Nelson	9	Johnston	4 (4)
Cumming	8 (2)	Simmons	4 (4)
Ure	8 (1)	Woodward	4
Davidson	7 (1)	Armstrong	3
Kelly	7	Graham	3 (1)
Rice	7	Kennedy	3 (1)
George	6 (7)	Dixon	1
Neilson	6 (4)	Redmile	1
Webster	5		

Substitutes: George 1, Kennedy 1, Simmons 1, Woodward 1.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

deGaris	8 (1)	Williams	3
English	7	Addo	2 (1)
Redmile	7	Webster	2
Ritchie	7 (2)	Arrowsmith	1
Simmonds	7 (1)	George	1
Dixon	6 (1)	Hughes (J.)	1
Johnson	6	Kelly	1
Reilly	6	Neilson	1
Burton	5	Nicholson	1
Forsyth	5 (2)	Sechal (L.)	1
Thomson	5 (1)	Simmons	1 (1)
Kennedy	4 (1)		

Own Goals: 2.

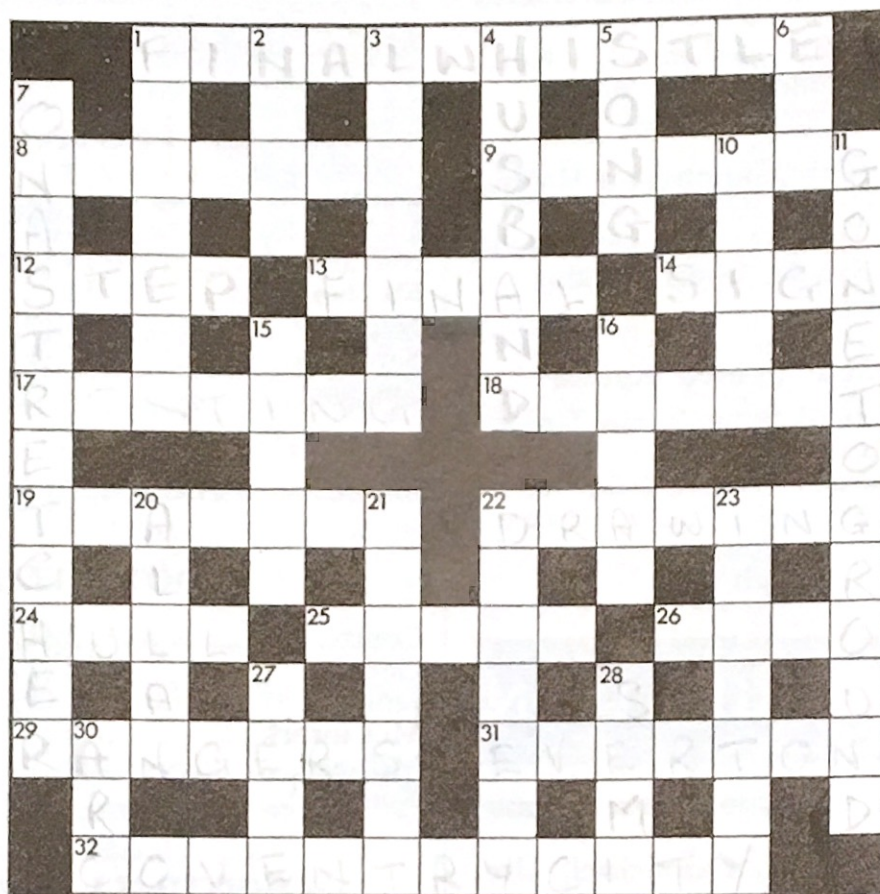
Substitute: Williams 1.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT AN ARSENAL HANDBOOK YET?

*They are on sale today,
price 2/-*

NUMBER 8 Compiled by John Barrett

1. The end of the match (5, 7)
8. Scoring (7)
9. Defence needed when levels rise (7)
12. Pace (4)
13. See 28 (5)
14. Indication to join a club? (4)
17. Taking it easy concerning wound (7)
18. Likely to make the ground hard (7)
19. Trade-in, maybe, prepared for the match (7)
22. Level sketch? (7)
24. Ship's frame in Yorkshire? (4)
25. Back support (5)
26. Man much admired her ring (4)
29. Queen's Park or Glasgow? (7)



31. Losing F.A. Cup finalists, 1968 (7)
32. They play at Highfield Road (8, 4)

1. Aptitude needed for match play? (7)
2. Secure (4)

3. Falling behind (7)
4. Everton forward (7)
5. Ballad (4)
6. Period in the rain (3)
7. Accidental way to leave the field?
(2, 1, 9)
10. Fetch, and telephone at the end (5)
11. Note left by a spectator in hiding?
(4, 2, 6)
15. One gnat could be enormous (5)
16. Popular venue nearby? (5)
20. Ronnie of Wolves, or Les of Q.P.R. (5)
21. Accumulation is returned in the depot (7)
22. Lions quarters and Cambridgeshire town appear thickly connected (7)
23. Absurdly arranges P.T. in Ely (7)
27. Her direction shows where you are (4)
- 28 and 13. Penultimate stage of the F.A. Cup (4, 5)
30. Curve (3)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stevenage Athletic ..	9	6	1	2	13	8	13
Tottenham Hotspur ..	8	6	0	2	22	10	12
ARSENAL	8	5	1	2	13	13	11
West Ham United ..	10	4	2	4	18	18	10
Bury Town	7	4	1	2	11	6	9
Braintree and Crittall A	8	4	1	3	8	6	9
Sheppey United ..	6	4	0	2	15	11	8
Metropolitan Police ..	5	4	0	1	18	16	8
Chelmsford City ..	8	3	1	4	14	12	7
Bletchley	5	3	0	2	6	5	6
Romford	7	2	2	3	18	18	6
Wimbledon	6	2	0	4	9	13	4
Hatfield Town ..	6	1	2	3	7	12	4
Cray Wanderers ..	6	1	1	4	9	9	3
Wellingborough Town	6	1	0	5	12	16	2
Bedford Town ..	9	1	0	8	6	26	2



Peter Simpson

who had a great match at Old Trafford, and came close to scoring twice.



FIRST DIVISION RESULTS 1968-69

Up to and including October 9th (Home matches of clubs shown on left, away matches of clubs at top).

	Arsenal	Burnley	Chelsea	Coventry	Everton	Ipswich	Leeds Utd.	Leicester	Liverpool	Man. City	Man. Utd.	Newcastle	Nott'm. F.	Q.P.R.	Sheff. W.	Stoke City	Sunderland	Tottenham	W.B.A.	West Ham	Wolves
ARSENAL	★							3-0	1-1	4-1				2-1		1-0	0-0				
BURNLEY	★		2-1	1-1					0-4		1-0	1-0				3-1			3-1		
CHELSEA		★			1-1	3-1							1-1		1-0			2-2	3-1	1-1	
COVENTRY			0-1	★	2-2							2-1						1-2	4-2	1-2	0-1
EVERTON		3-0			★				0-0	2-0			2-1		3-0			0-2	4-0		
IPSWICH	1-2					★	2-3		0-2					3-0		3-1					1-0
LEEDS UNITED	2-0						★		1-0					4-1		2-0	1-1				2-1
LEICESTER CITY				1-1		1-3	1-1	★		3-0											2-0
LIVERPOOL					1-1	1-1	3-1	4-0	★	2-1	★			2-0		2-1	4-1				
MANCHESTER CITY	1-1					1-1				★	0-0										3-2
MANCHESTER UNITED	0-0		0-4	1-0	2-1						★	3-1						3-1		1-1	
NEWCASTLE			3-2		0-0		0-1					★	1-1					2-2	2-3	1-1	
NOTTINGHAM FOREST		2-2		0-0								2-4	★		0-0	3-3					
QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS			0-4			2-1		1-1		1-1				★			2-2				
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		1-0	1-1	3-0		2-1					5-4	1-1			★		1-1				
SOUTHAMPTON	1-2					2-2	1-3		2-0							2-0					2-1
STOKE CITY								1-0		1-0				1-1		★	2-1			0-2	
SUNDERLAND						3-0	0-1	2-0		0-4		1-1				1-0	★				
TOTTENHAM	1-2	7-0						3-2			2-2		2-1		1-2			★	1-1		
WEST BROMWICH ALBION		3-2									3-1		2-5	3-1	0-0				★		0-0
WEST HAM UNITED		5-0		6-1	1-4								1-0		1-1			2-2	4-0	★	
WOLVERHAMPTON	0-0							1-0	0-6					3-1		1-1	1-1				★

Support Arsenal on the Away Games

WEST BROMWICH ALBION v. ARSENAL - SATURDAY, 19th OCTOBER

GOING BY CAR?

West Bromwich Albion

(approximately 119½ miles from North London)

Leave by Holloway Road (A1) and follow the A1 to the M1.....7 miles

Continue north along the M1 to the intersection with the M4576 miles

Proceed by the M45 then the A45 to the Birmingham Ring Road (B4146)108 miles

Turn right and proceed by Ring Road for 10 miles to Handsworth and continue ahead by the A4040—Oxhill Road—to the junction with the A41—Birmingham Road. Turn left to the football ground which is on your left (see Town Plan)119½ miles

Side street parking is controlled by the police, so watch out for signs, including diversions.

RAC members can obtain further information from their local offices at: RAC, P.O. Box 100, RAC House, Lansdowne Road, Croydon, CR9 2JA; or, RAC Northern Home Counties Office, 130, St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts.



OR BY TRAIN?

v. WEST BROMWICH ALBION

Saturday 19th October 1968

Kick-off 3 p.m.

A cheap day return fare of 40/- adults and 20/- children under 14 years of age will be available from Euston to Birmingham.

The following suitable services will operate:—

Forward Journey

			RB.RC.	RB.RC.	RB.RC.
Euston	..	..	dep. 10.15	11.15	12.15
Birmingham	..	..	arr. 11.54	12.49	13.49
New Street					

RB. Buffet Car facilities

RC. Restaurant Car facilities

Return Journey

			RB.RC.	RB.RC.
Birmingham	..	..	dep. 17.15	17.20
New Street				
Euston	..	..	arr. 18.55	19.45
				19.55

v. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Saturday 2nd November 1968

Kick-off 3 p.m.

A cheap day return fare of 50/- adults and 25/- children under 14 years of age will be available from St. Pancras.

The following suitable services will operate:—

Forward Journey

			RC.	RB.RC.
St. Pancras	..	..	dep. 09.05	09.55
Sheffield Midland	..	..	arr. 12.06	13.14

RB. Buffet Car facilities available.

RC. Restaurant Car facilities available.

Return Journey

			RC.
Sheffield Midland	dep. 17.55
St. Pancras	arr. 21.17

FIXTURES 1968-69

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION I

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1968		Opponents	Ground	F.	A.
Aug.	10	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	2	1
"	13	Leicester City	Home	3	0
"	17	Liverpool	Home	1	1
"	21	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Away	0	0
"	24	Ipswich Town	Away	2	1
"	27	Manchester City	Home	4	1
"	31	Queen's Park Rangers	Home	2	1
Sept.	7	Southampton	Away	2	1
"	14	Stoke City	Home	1	0
"	21	Leeds United	Away	0	2
"	28	Sunderland	Home	0	0
Oct.	5	Manchester United	Away	0	0
"	9	Manchester City	Away	1	1
"	12	Coventry City	Home	.....	.....
"	19	West Bromwich Albion	Away	.....	.....
"	26	West Ham United	Home	.....	.....
Nov.	2	Sheffield Wednesday	Away	.....	.....
"	9	Newcastle United	Home	.....	.....
"	16	Nottingham Forest	Away	.....	.....
"	23	Chelsea	Home	.....	.....
"	30	Burnley	Away	.....	.....
Dec.	7	Everton	Home	.....	.....
"	14	Coventry City	Away	.....	.....
"	21	West Bromwich Albion	Home	.....	.....
"	26	Manchester United	Home	.....	.....
"	28	West Ham United	Away	.....	.....
1969					
Jan.	4	(3)	Home	.....	.....
"	11	Sheffield Wednesday	Home	.....	.....
"	18	Newcastle United	Away	.....	.....
"	25	(4)	Home	.....	.....
Feb.	1	Nottingham Forest	Home	.....	.....
"	8	Chelsea (5)	Away	.....	.....
"	15	Burnley	Home	.....	.....
"	22	Everton	Away	.....	.....
Mar.	1	Tottenham Hotspur (6)	Home	.....	.....
"	8	Liverpool	Away	.....	.....
"	15	Ipswich Town	Home	.....	.....
"	22	Queen's Park Rangers (S.F.)	Away	.....	.....
"	29	Southampton	Home	.....	.....
April	5	Sunderland	Away	.....	.....
"	7	Wolverhampton Wan.	Home	.....	.....
"	8	Leicester City	Away	.....	.....
"	12	Leeds United	Home	.....	.....
"	19	Stoke City	Away	.....	.....

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

1968		Opponents	Ground	F.	A.
Sept.	4	Sunderland (2nd Rd.)	Home	1	0
"	25	Scunthorpe United (3rd Rd.)	Away	6	1
Oct.	15	Liverpool (4th Rd.)	Home	.....	.....

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

1968		Opponents	Ground	F.	A.
Aug.	10	Reading	Home	5	0
"	17	Southampton	Away	2	2
"	21	Bournemouth	Home	2	1
"	24	Oxford	Home	4	1
"	28	Reading	Away	1	2
"	31	Oxford	Away	1	0
Sept.	7	Southampton	Home	2	3
"	11	Swindon	Home	2	0
"	21	Bournemouth	Away	3	1
Undated		Swindon	Away	.....	.....

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CHAMPIONSHIP

1968		Opponents	Ground	F.	A.
Oct.	5	Swindon	Home	3	1
"	12	Norwich	Away	.....	.....
"	19	Bournemouth	Home	.....	.....
"	26	West Ham United	Away	.....	.....
Nov.	2	Peterborough	Home	.....	.....
"	12	Walsall	Away	.....	.....
"	16	Southampton	Home	.....	.....
"	23	Crystal Palace	Away	.....	.....
"	30	Plymouth	Home	.....	.....
Dec.	7	Cardiff	Away	.....	.....
"	14	Bristol Rovers	Home	.....	.....
"	21	Birmingham	Away	.....	.....
"	28	Northampton	Home	.....	.....
1969					
Jan.	4	Luton	Away	.....	.....
"	18	Gillingham	Away	.....	.....
"	25	Leicester	Home	.....	.....
Feb.	1	Chelsea	Away	.....	.....
"	8	Bristol City	Home	.....	.....
"	22	Oxford	Away	.....	.....
Mar.	8	Fulham	Home	.....	.....
"	22	Ipswich	Home	.....	.....
"	25	Swansea	Away	.....	.....
"	29	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	.....	.....
April	9	Reading	Away	.....	.....
"	19	Queen's Park Rangers	Home	.....	.....

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

1968		Opponents	Ground	F.	A.
Aug.	10	Sheppey United	Home	2	5
"	13	Stevenage Athletic	Home	1	0
"	17	Chelmsford City	Home	3	2
"	20	Wellingborough Town (A.S.)	Home	1	1
"	24	Metropolitan Police	Home	3	5
"	27	Bedford Town (A.S.)	Home	3	1
"	31	Crittall Athletic	Home	2	1
Sept.	3	Stevenage Athletic (A.S.)	Home	1	2
"	7	Bletchley (C.C.)	Home	2	3
"	14	Hatfield Town	Home	0	0
"	21	Bedford Town	Home	1	0
"	28	West Ham United	Away	1	0
Oct.	5	Romford (P.C.)	Away	1	7
"	12	Sheppey United	Away	.....	.....
"	19	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	.....	.....
"	26	Wellingborough Town (A.S.)	Away	.....	.....
Nov.	2	Bury Town	Away	.....	.....
"	9	Bedford Town (A.S.)	Away	.....	.....
"	16	West Ham United	Home	.....	.....

1968		Opponents	Ground	F.	A.
Dec.	21	Cray Wanderers	Home	.....	.....
"	26	Hatfield Town	Away	.....	.....
"	28	Romford	Away	.....	.....
1969					
Jan.	4	Wellingborough Town	Home	.....	.....
"	11	Wimbledon	Away	.....	.....
"	18	Stevenage Athletic	Away	.....	.....
"	25	Bedford Town	Away	.....	.....
Feb.	15	Metropolitan Police	Away	.....	.....
"	22	Tottenham Hotspur	Home	.....	.....
Mar.	1	Crittall Athletic	Away	.....	.....
"	8	Chelmsford City	Away	.....	.....
"	15	Bletchley	Away	.....	.....
"	22	Romford	Home	.....	.....
"	29	Cray Wanderers	Away	.....	.....
April	5	Bury Town	Home	.....	.....
"	12	Wimbledon	Home	.....	.....
"	19	Bletchley	Home

A.S.=Autumn Shield

C.C.=Challenge Cup

P.C.=Professional Cup

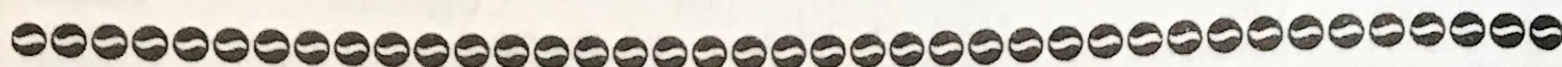
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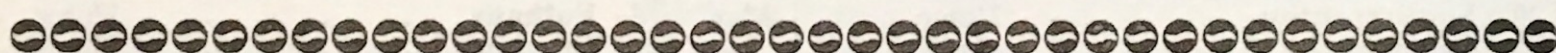
Colours—Shirts: Red, White Sleeves.
Shorts: White.
Stockings: Blue and White Hoops.

Coventry City

Colours—Shirts: Sky Blue with Dark
Blue and White Trimmings.
Shorts: Sky Blue. Stockings: Sky Blue
with Dark Blue and White Tops.



WILSON	1	GLAZIER
STOREY	2	BRUCK
McNAB	3	COOP
McLINTOCK	4	MACHIN
NEILL	5	CURTIS
SIMPSON	6	HILL
RADFORD	7	HUNT
SAMMELS	8	TUDOR
GOULD	9	HATELEY
COURT	10	GIBSON
JENKINS	11	CLEMENTS
	12	



Referee: Mr. C. THOMAS (Treorchy, Glam.)
Linesman (Red Flag): Mr. A. R. LEES (Street, Somerset)
Linesman (Yellow Flag): Mr. G. L. KELLY (Walsall, Staffs.)

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

The following items of music will be included in the programme to be played by the Metropolitan Police Band, conducted by Roger Barsotti, M.B.E., A.R.C.M., Director of Music.

MARCH	"Cavalcade of Martial Songs"	Nichols	TUNES FROM THE FILM	
SELECTION	"My Fair Lady"	Loewe	"The Sound of Music"	Rodgers
LATIN AMERICAN DANCES			POP PARADE SELECTION	
(a)	"Hill Billy Samba"	Smart	SONG	"Catari Catari"
(b)	"Tell Me I'm Forgiven"		(Vocalist: Constable Alex. Morgan)	
	(Tango)	Katscher	MARCHES	(a) "Metropolitan"
(c)	"Fiesta Paso-Doble"	Caneva		(b) "Standard of St. George"
				Barsotti
				Alford